

STATEWIDE VEHICLE THEFT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE
October 30, 2007

DISCUSSION:

- The Legislative Subcommittee began with a discussion of the license plate reader (LPR) technology and the issues that surrounded the legislative proposal that was not introduced this year. The legislation focused on limiting the use and retention of data from LPR's.
- The Subcommittee discussed another potential legislative proposal which would specifically allow the use of red light camera data for the purpose of investigation and prosecution of other crimes. There is a current homicide case where red light camera photos were used as part of the prosecution and the use of those photos may be challenged.
- The subcommittee discussed AB 998 (Garrick - R, San Diego) which was pulled at the request of the author in Assembly Public Safety. The bill would change grand theft of a motor vehicle, or vehicle theft, from a wobbler to a felony. The Assembly Public Safety Committee estimated that the costs for a 1 year increase in penalty for vehicle theft would cost \$193 million. The "Safe Neighborhoods Act" Initiative, currently pending at Attorney General's Office, includes additional vehicle theft related penalties.
- The Committee discussed the Department of Motor Vehicle's recent decision to begin limited participation in the NMVTIS.